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United States Patent Application

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The specification of which was filed on January 22, 2001 as application serial no. 09/767,375 and was amended on

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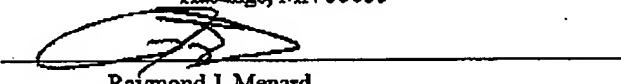
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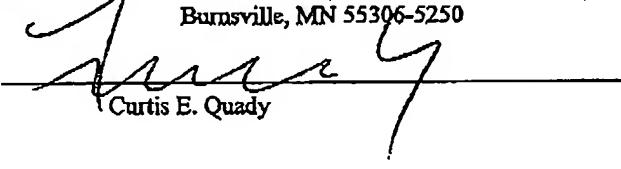
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Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the following related applications in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/219737	December 22, 1998	1383.004US1	DETECTION SYSTEM USING PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH RESPONSE
09/383784 6608557	August 26, 1999	1383.005US1	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TRANSMITTING SIGNALS TO A CENTRAL STATION
09/277805	March 27, 1999	1383.010US1	LONG RANGE, BIDIRECTIONAL, WIRELESS PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
09/384165 6356192	August 27, 1999	1383.020US1	BI-DIRECTIONAL WIRELESS DETECTION SYSTEM
09/956474	September 19, 2001	1383.020US2	BI-DIRECTIONAL WIRELESS DETECTION SYSTEM
09/579913	May 26, 2000	1383.026US1	MODULAR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD
09/793373 6563910	February 26, 2001	1383.029US1	EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION
09/867276	May 29, 2001	1383.031US1	POWER DOOR CONTROL AND SENSOR MODULE FOR A WIRELESS SYSTEM

Serial Number: unknown

Filing Date: herewith

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09/907464	July 17, 2001	1383.033US1	ELECTRICAL POWER CONTROL AND SENSOR MODULE FOR A WIRELESS SYSTEM
09/906383	July 16, 2001	1383.034US1	INTERCOM MODULE FOR A WIRELESS SYSTEM
10/081142	February 22, 2002	1383.036US1	ELECTRONIC LOCK CONTROL AND SENSOR MODULE FOR A WIRELESS SYSTEM
10/165221	June 7, 2002	1383.037US1	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM AND METHOD
09/767663	January 22, 2001	1383.039US1	CELLULAR TELEPHONE WITH PROGRAMMABLE AUTHORIZED TELEPHONE NUMBER
08/837229 5902234	April 10, 1997	1383.047US1	MEDICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR AMBULATORY HOME-CARE PATIENTS
09/315739 6466652	May 20, 1999	1383.048US1	MONITORING AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR STATIONARY AND MOBILE PERSONS
10/112669	March 28, 2002	1383.041US1	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR WIRELESS TRACKING
10/112690	March 28, 2002	1383.044US1	REMOTE NOTIFICATION OF MONITORED CONDITION
10/254048	September 23, 2002	1383.048US2	MONITORING AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR STATIONARY AND MOBILE PERSONS
10/322374	December 17, 2002	1383.004US2	DETECTION SYSTEM USING PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICE WITH RESPONSE
10/290097	November 7, 2002	1383.040US2	INTERACTIVE MOTION SENSITIVE SENSOR

10/310713	December 5, 2002	1383.049US1	WIRELESS MANAGEMENT OF PORTABLE TOILET FACILITY
10/640876	August 13, 2003	1383.005US2	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TRANSMITTING SIGNALS TO A CENTRAL STATION
10/409661	April 7, 2003	1383.029US2	EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION
10/601330	June 20, 2003	1383.040US3	INTERACTIVE MOTION SENSITIVE SENSOR

Respectfully submitted,

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